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1. On 4 June 1958, OSI again refused coordination on articles for publication in the CIB of that date and for a 5 June CIWR on non-substantive grounds. These articles estimated that the 1960 Soviet production of electric power from nuclear energy would be only from one fourth to one half of the original goal.

25X1A9a 2. Coordination of an article on this subject (a CSN draft by [REDACTED] was first attempted in January 1958. OSI refused coordination on the grounds that the CSN was too speculative--only one piece of evidence was available. Coordination was subsequently attempted in March on a second CSN draft which contained additional evidence.

3. The OSI working level coordinated the March draft and a CIB article was prepared. This article was then submitted to the IAC consultants panel for the CIB. The panel accepted the draft. Subsequently the OSI hierarchy withdrew its concurrence on the grounds that this was a subject for JAEIC consideration. The article was, therefore, removed from the CIB.

4. On 15 May JAEIC considered a memorandum for the Chairman, IAC, and a back-up paper, both dealing with the same subject as the CIB and the CIWR, and differing from them substantively in only minor ways. At this meeting JAEIC amended and approved the draft memorandum to the IAC, and approved the back-up paper in principle. This meeting was attended by [REDACTED]. 25X1A9a

a. After this meeting, OSI attempted once again to secure OSI agreement to publication of the CIB and CIWR articles. OSI suggested, however, that publication be delayed until a precise draft of the back-up paper could be approved by JAEIC.

b. At its meeting on 29 May 1958, JAEIC approved the back-up paper as amended. Mr. [REDACTED] H/FP, attended this meeting.

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5. Since DDI Notice 50-100-16, dated 31 August 1957, covering publication of missile and nuclear current intelligence had been complied with, publication in the CIB and CIWR of 5 June was again attempted. OSI again refused, apparently on the ground that their "estimate" had to be reviewed by the IAC before the information could be published in any other form. OSI is now trying to have the revision of this estimate scheduled for IAC review on 10 June but has been told that the agenda for this date is already too long.

6. This continuing refusal to coordinate material which may effect an estimate heavily involving OSI (the ORR CSW on Lysenko is another case in point) precludes the publication of current intelligence on very important subjects and violates the spirit of the above DDI Notice which is to obtain timely community-wide coordination of current intelligence.

7. The OSI attitude if widely applied would make the publication of information effecting estimates impossible until the estimate has been completely reworked. Should this view prevail, prompt dissemination of reports on important events is impossible. For example, the instruction of the DDI on processing the seven-year plan could not be followed.

8. This situation is known by the AD/CI. He apparently feels that this is an ORR-OSI problem since these offices have the responsibility for economic and scientific intelligence, current and otherwise.

9. Discussion of this situation with a view to changing at least OSI's attitude on concurrence with ORR-prepared current intelligence is suggested. It might be pointed out in such a discussion that, if detailed presentation of views on a seven-year plan is required in less than a week, then consideration of such a minor part of a plan as a reduction in the 1960 goals for the production of electric power by nuclear energy might well be handled in less than five months.

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Attachments: (Original only)

1. Draft of subject CIB article
2. DDI Notice 50-100-16, 31 August 1957

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